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Invention:

A Modified Implantable Device Surface and a Method of Making the Same

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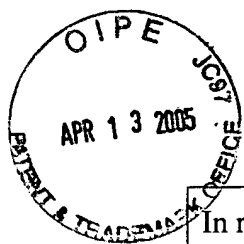
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Dear Examiner Ho:

This responds to the Office Action dated February 3, 2005.

Specification amendments begin at page 2.

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